

THE WESTERN M. E. CONFERENCE.

Extensive Arrangements Being Made for the Coming Event by our German Friends.

We have made mention of the fact that the German M. E. Western conference is to be held here commencing on September 8th. But it is evident that few have given the subject thought. While many in our midst are aware of the importance of such meetings, yet the majority will not fully comprehend it until they have attended one. When you take into consideration that nearly fifty ministers, accompanied with their relatives and friends, professors, news paper men, etc., who usually attend such gatherings, will gather here all for the purpose of instructing and learning, you will then come to the conclusion that a rare treat, and an agreeable surprise await the citizens of Oregon and the surrounding country.

The exercises will be conducted mostly in English and will be presided over by the able and well-known Bishop Foster of Boston, Mass. Many look forward to his address to the candidates on "Admission" with eagerness, also his words of counsel on any important question that may arise. The discussions on different subjects will be full of interest as this conference will contain many men of rare talent and extraordinary ability.

Last year members of this church from different places warmly contended for the pleasure of holding these meetings in their respective towns or cities. Oregon lacked two votes with a speech against her; the main argument was that she had not sufficient room to entertain those who would attend, when the eloquent Rev. Unland arose and begged leave to testify as to the hospitality of the citizens of Oregon, he stated that if the people in the city could not entertain them they would be kindly cared for by the people in the country and vicinity surrounding Oregon, where there is plenty of room and ample accommodations. The motion then prevailed and Oregon came off victorious.

The German brethren have arranged matters so that all who are expected will find places and be hospitably entertained. Yet many talented and able men who are not now expected may be here, and those who have room and wish to have good company will please notify the German minister or German brethren.

Last year at Wyandotte, Kan., Bishop Horst addressed an audience of over 2,000 people, and Bishop Foster this year should be greeted with the same kind of an audience. Able men elected him as one superior to themselves and all who will hear him will get the benefit of some wholesome knowledge.

If the weather is fair, the Bishop's address, in all probability will be delivered in our Court House park on Sunday morning.

Men who are awake to the cause of Christianity and progression will be here during the conference to utter truths, such only as the profound, the good and the able can utter. We should make use of these advantages. Our mind must have healthy food, as all well know, otherwise it will roam in paths it should never visit, and he who seeks after such information gets it, whether it exists or not. Such knowledge can be used only to hold down the fallen and discourage the weak. Let us then get all the good we can from these meetings and do unto others as we would have them to do unto us.

Mound City.

Mrs. Rigdon has taken charge of the Central.

There is a good deal of sickness in and about town now, but nothing of a very serious nature.

There is some talk of a picnic at the springs soon, but it has not yet been fully determined upon.

Mrs. Brink, who has been sick with fever for several days, went to her parents near Graham last Saturday.

Sunday night Mr. Wetzel preached at a crowded house. There was also preaching at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Brown.

G. Walter Smith is on hand again this week lavishing upon our people—and especially our editors—chunks of wisdom, both political and literary, in the shape of advice freely and voluntarily given.

The Sunday school picnic at the springs last Thursday was well attended and much enjoyed. The effect of the relaxation was perceptible in the increase in numbers and interest in the school on Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Stokes was in town Saturday attending to a road case before Squire Williams. Wm. Caten had been arrested for fencing a public road, but Mr. Stokes succeeded in having the case dismissed after taking a change of venue. Grounds of dismissal were that the action was brought within a year.

Crowell & Gordon made a sale Saturday of four town lots to Rook & Van Camp for fifteen hundred dollars. They bought these lots some three months ago for six hundred dollars, and had previous to this sale sold 20 feet off one of the lots for a hundred and fifty dollars. From an investment of six hundred dollars they have in less of four months realized a profit of over a thousand dollars, or about one hundred and seventy per cent.

FOR SALE.

A full set, perfectly new, of the Library of universal knowledge, large type edition, (including American additions) fifteen volumes for thirteen dollars. Can be seen at my office.

Also Appleton's cyclopaedia, complete, and sixteen Annuals (making twenty-four volumes in all) leather bound, good condition, for only twenty-five dollars. A rare bargain; cost \$144. Call and see it.

Also, a large fine Walnut Desk, suitable for a lawyer or a private library. Price only Fifteen Dollars; less than half its value.

I likewise wish to sell my dwelling and the first story of the building in which THE OREGONIAN is published.

Intending to remove from Oregon early in October (or possibly sooner) I wish to sell the above property immediately.

W. W. DAVENPORT.

THE FARMERS

of Holt county will lead it to their interest to call on Lepp & Bros., Mound City, before buying elsewhere.

Personal and Society.

—Wm. H. Bradford is visiting friends in Maine.

—Miss Nettie Nies has returned from Brownville, Nebraska.

—Miss Julia Lockhardt spent last week with relatives and friends in Mound City.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Cross of St. Joseph is visiting the family of Dr. Lehmer of this city.

—Charley Mann of East Rulo, will leave in a few days for the Hot Springs, Arkansas.

—Mrs. Robert Morris of New Point, has returned from her visit to relatives in the East.

—Prof. Drake of Mound City gave us a call Friday last. It is a pleasure to meet such men.

—Mrs. Jennie Sloan of White Cloud, Kansas, spent a few days this week with Miss India Johnson.

—George E. Glass one of the original stock holders in the Mound City Town Company, died recently in Trenton, Tennessee.

—B. L. Evans, probate judge of Barry county, Mo., a former resident of this city is visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lloyd of Richville.

—Miss Annie Colvin, one of Oregon's most popular young ladies, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Carrie Cowan, near New Point this week.

—E. J. Post, collecting agent for the Weed Sewing Machine company, spent a few days in our city last week.

He daddies the editor of the New York Truth.

—Russell Putnam of Medina county, Ohio, visited his sister, Mrs. Stephen Blanchard last week—their first meeting for nearly a quarter of a century.

He left for his home Monday last.

—Misses Ida and Jennie Tate, Birdie Hawk, Mollie Williams and Miss Holland, five charming and accomplished young ladies from Rock Port were in attendance at the Manitoba Lake Park picnic. If these are a fair sample of Rock Port beauties, we wouldn't mind living in that town.

BEAUTIES OF MISSOURI.

All the Pleasures Not Beyond Our Own State.

Mound City in Holt County—Mineral Springs and a Prairie Sunset—Pleasures of a Modest Missouri Resort.

(For. of the St. Louis Republican.)

MOUND CITY, Mo., August 12.—Mound City and vicinity consists of rolling prairie country, with a sprinkling of trees and river, just enough to give a pleasing variety to the scenery. The approach to Mound City is indeed beautiful; for miles are one near this small city it is to be seen clustering around and among the hills (hence its name), forming a much more imposing appearance than its near approach will warrant. This is probably due to the scattering of the village. Holt county can boast of natural springs beautifully situated. About three miles from Mound City a bubbling fountain bursts forth from amidst a hollow, the sides of which are covered with velvet grass, tall spreading trees and lovely shaded walks. Further on, beyond the fountain, there is a smooth, level space used as a croquet ground. For the hotel accommodation at the springs much cannot be said; however, for one that wishes a quiet country air and such innocent diversions as walks, games, croquet, driving, etc., can certainly spend an enjoyable time in this vicinity. These springs are patronized by the cities and villages around; each contributing her quota to the general resort.

It must not be thought that the springs aspire to the fashionable, for that is the last term that should be applied to them; but that they are a healthful summer resort no one can deny. Many afflicted by rheumatism, neuralgia and diseases similar to these, have been singularly benefited by the medicinal qualities of this water. The scenery around about here cannot be described in quiet, simple beauty not approaching to grandeur, and yet there is an unending source of wonder here—the sunsets, the grandeur of which one is inclined to believe is not excelled even by the skies of Italy. From a certain point of view the beautiful view of Mound City and gazes across the lovely rolling prairie, one sees in the distance a little village of Kansas, miles and miles away, seeming really nearer than it really is, owing to the clear atmosphere, and beyond the village the bluff rises like and hazy in the distance is another direction one sees another of these villages, about nine miles from this point. Look around once more, and yet another and another of these villages come in view from far across the country, forming all in all a picture rarely to be seen. Alas! alas! were it not for the beautiful view, that these villages (which are considered the worst of all) and other pests of this description one might, indeed, indulge the delights of country life. But, sad to relate, as surely as we see ourselves upon the cool piazza, enjoying the entrancing scene, or purchase cooling up on the moon (which is at its fullest and brightest at present), these evening pleasures break in upon our general pleasures and we are forced ingloriously to retreat. When in the house, we are safe from their deplorable effects as each door and window is screened to keep out these invaders of our peace. But, alas! again; there is an enemy that neither wire-screen, but nor bar can protect us from, viz., grandchild-longing. Whenever a cry is heard, as it often is from the feminine portion of the household, in the symphony for this there is a grandchild, and thereupon is heard a scolding and crying until the enemy is either dead or vanquished.

These frivolous troubles of woman-kind are small, indeed, compared with the anxieties of farmers, who are dependent upon wind and tide, rain and sunshine for their good or bad fortune. What a sigh of thankfulness would be heaved by the whole country at large were a good old-fashioned rain to fall upon this parched country. It is sorely in need of it, the dust is at least a foot deep. The crop is almost ruined, and happy is the farmer who took "time by the forelock," and laid in a supply of corn ere the drought. Especially is this the case with dealers of live stock.

As for pleasures, there is a dearth of them, yet such as we have are very enjoyable. Picnics at the springs, seen to be the rage at this time; and, indeed, the fun of a party of young folks, who ride out, spread supper or dinner, as the case may be, under the trees; and, last, but not least, the ride home in the moonlight is not a thing to be despised at. Oh, the poor city people, how they are to be pitied! Parked up in the brick houses, brick pavements, brick everything around them. Come one, come all, this country will hold many more. There is room for everyone, and the health-giving properties of Mound City and vicinity will be demonstrated. A good wave passed over a few days ago, leaving its cool, comfortable and good tempered.

PHILM.

Dan. Martin is now carrying a complete stock of Buggy Harness of his own manufacture which will be sold as cheap as first class work can be. Call and be convinced.

Mallard.

—The carpenters are rushing the new hotel forward rapidly.

—Wheat sold Saturday at \$1.05, corn 45, and rye 75 cents per bushel.

—Miss Fanny King, of your city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Graham.

—Messrs. W. Welch, Hall, Hutchinson and Dickson are building residences.

—David Kennedy has built a wagon-shop in the rear of his blacksmith-shop.

—E. A. Vinsonbaler, Nodaway county's collector, is the guest of his uncle, R. I. Rea.

—Weller & Donovan have the foundation for their new bank completed and will commence the brick work this week.

—John Vanderlinde, of Graham, has rented John Swope's store room for the purpose of putting in a stock of drugs.

—E. F. Weller has bought the Gelvin house property and is repainting and refitting it up in fine style to suit his taste; he moves in this week.

—Joe Hattie, our deputy P. M., has moved the post office into the building formerly occupied by Mrs. Russell. Joe makes a good post master.

—Sellers & Bro. have sold their Livestock stable to Pratt & Bohart, of Graham. Pratt will move over here while Bohart will run the Graham stable.

—McNold & McNold's new business house is getting into line. Taylor Bros. of Graham, will occupy the first floor with a general stock of goods. Corwin Johnson of the same place will occupy part of the upper story with a photograph gallery.

—Last Thursday we had the preliminary examination in the case of the State of Missouri vs. Snodgrass boys, assault with intent to kill. L. R. Knowles for the State and Stokes & Rea for the defendants. The Justice after hearing the evidence and arguments pro and con told the boys they could go free.

—The Methodists held a basket meeting in Swope's Grove just south of town. The order was good, arrangements perfect and preaching best of all. Rev. Shaver preached in the morning and Rev. Kemper in the evening. The Christians had services in their church at night, Elder Williams, of Savannah, officiating.

—His friends have been uneasy about him for some weeks past. Certain acts of his have had a tendency toward an unsettled state of mind. But when Deacon Everhart went to St. Joseph on Tuesday and returned the same evening, the husband of an Indiana lady, his friends were satisfied. The Deacon has married Mrs. Brin-ton, a fine looking woman and an accomplished lady. May they live long and prosper. Mr. Everhart is one of our foremost men—a man that is alive to the interests of the town and a credit to any community. He was surrounded at his son's residence by the mail and heavy artillery and Dickson rifles, also by the Graham (or not band. After which the boys found a keg of barley-juice and cigars until all were satisfied.

ZIMRI.

Corning.

—The race was run, the battle was won by Henry Anderson—son.

—Rev. Smith, of Craig, has been holding a protracted meeting here for a week.

—The City Hotel has changed hands. Mr. Krutz, of Kansas, having bought out Mr. Hill.

—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Martin, of Kansas, are visiting their parents and friends here.

—The Craig Band was here on time, and gave us some fine pieces. Their blue sashes and gold-trimmed caps look well.

—Say, Ezra, was that spring-steel charged with electricity? was the team too slow, or was your heart broken? Rise and explain.

—Doc, is the sea of matrimony troubled, or why is your countenance thus? Never mind, Doc, that little sea was always considered rough.

—Mr. Waller of the County Prison was here Saturday and Sunday. He is a very clever and sociable gentleman, and made quite a host of friends here especially among the ladies.

—We have the best set of business men and money men of any town in this or Atchison county. Corning can show more sales of goods than any town twice her size in the State.

—J. M. Bourdier, the leader of the Little Dutch Band, received his silver horn this week, and the boys say that Jake feels awful good, but he only had a sister he would be happy.

The picnic was a grand success with one exception. Some enterprising sloop peddler of Rockport dealt out some diluted "aluminum" to the boys that brewed a right just at the close in the evening.

—One of the boys swore off the other, but the other is going in all blast. "I say, Doc, have a drink?" "No, I'll take a cigar. Spike it!" "Sasch!"

—Mr. Henry Anderson, one of the best-hearted men living and the best friend of the band boys, will, on Tuesday evening, give the Band a supper at the Walter House after which there will be a dance, all at Henry's expense.

—The prospect of a bridge across the Big Muddy at Corning has given our business men new life and energy. We are to have shade trees set out on all the streets that have no trees on them now.

—Dr. Oviatt, of Lincoln, is stopping at the Walter House, and the afflicted will lose a golden opportunity if they fail to give him a call. He is one of the best surgeons and physicians in the Northwest. He makes no charges unless he satisfies his patients that he has benefited them.

—The Little Dutch Band wants to sell its horns for the boys have determined to have a genuine Silver Band, and as they have the money and don't ask any help, it is a pretty sure thing that Corning will have one, and some new band work for men that live thirty miles from here, and when a miller can draw custom thirty miles he needs no further recommendation. And when he breaks anything that is iron Mr. J. M. Bourdier is close by, one among the best of blacksmiths and gunsmiths. Jake saves many a man a trip to St. Joseph.

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as he can fix many things that it seems next to impossible to fix. He has a horse power to run his drills, lathes, emery and polishing wheels for plow work, and as for horse-shoeing Jake won't take a back seat for any man, and when he gets hungry the Walter House is next door where Mr. Kirklin is "mine host." He is a jovial and accommodating landlord, and his cooks can't be beat. Everything comes to the table in good shape and at only twenty-five cents per meal. And all because he deals at Sedwick, Walters & Co., who keep a first class dry goods and grocery store, where everything will be found as represented. They will pay the best prices for grain that can be given by anybody, because there is too much money invested in the elevator to let it stand still for a cent or two on the bushel. Then there is Messrs. Roseline & Hogrefe who have as fine a general store and as clever clerks as can be found in the Valley. Their store is always neat and clean; their goods are so arranged by that artistic hand, Mr. Overman, that it is pleasing to the eye, and makes one feel perfectly at home, and also, at it is a good place at which to sell country produce. To hold their many customers they make Corning one of the best grain markets for miles around. Now there is Earl & Earl where you get your mail. I think they are drifting into the boot and shoe business for they have the largest stock of leather and rubber goods of any house in town, although they have a general assortment of everything and if you want to buy a bill of goods to the amount of ten dollars you can make a good day's wages by calling on them, for they buy all their furniture of Peter Christian, who is the same man that buries printers at half price. He has just received four car loads of lumber and if you are going to build Peter will furnish everything cheaper than anybody else can get a stone. And then his friend, Joseph Hogrefe, who keeps the only exclusive hardware store in the county, can make you open your eyes when he tells you how you have been "bit" at other places and shows you the same goods and sells them to you at 20 per cent cheaper than anyone else. He can sell as good a wagon as ever stood on four wheels for \$65.00. Joe is doing a good business, as he buys all his meat of Metz Bros., where you can find the nicest and juiciest of steaks. The reason of this is that Charley is a good butcher and can tell a good beef in the dark, and he always buys the best hams. When he cuts his finger he goes to P. C. Scholz, who has the largest stock of drugs, paints oils varnishes and wall paper of any house within fifty miles of Corning. He is the man that is selling Ken dall's Spavin Cure for 75 cents. He has just bought a fine lot of jewelry, watches, etc. Mr. Scholz has also employed one of the best jewelers that can be found. But when I ask him for a drink of whiskey he always refers me to C. M. Slaughter, who keeps the "Oasis" saloon where you can find everything you want that is kept in a first class saloon. And when I get enough there I just walk up to W. H. Reynolds, the "Oasis" saloon and have a game of billiards or pool and take some of their brandy and then I am ready to go up to Ely Stokes' and get something to eat. This is the place where you can get a warm meal at any time of the day.

THEODORE GREENSTICKLE.

Forest City.

—Plenty of fish in the Tarkio.

—J. C. Stevens has been sick with flux for several weeks.

—James Hunkins has gone to Minnesota for the benefit of his health.

—W. H. Miller, who has been seriously ill for several days, is out again.

—Louis Luckhardt has bought the property lately occupied by Emil Weber. This looks like business.

—Assessor Graham was in town taking dogs and things, during last week. He is getting along nicely with his work.

—T. H. Burnes has sold his hotel to the Martin Brothers and Mr. S. Ford of Bigelow. They will take possession in about a month.

—C. W. Crocker, mill inspector of the Millers' National Insurance Company, of Chicago, was in town on Monday inspecting the East Forest Mill.

—Eb. Wickham's pipe was seen passing through the air in this vicinity on Monday. Some thought it was a meteor passing but they were mistaken.

—An attempt was made one night last week by certain parties with a team, to get a load of lumber out of the East Forest Mill. They were watched from the inside by a team armed with a revolver, and were deterred from entering by becoming alarmed at some disturbance outside.

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Marble Oil Cloth 5-4 wide only 20 cents at A. Goldsberg's, St. Joseph, Mo.

Manitoba Lake Park Picnic.
The picnic at Manitoba Lake Park under the auspices of the "Little Dutch Band" of Corning assisted by the Silver Cornet Band, of Craig, was a brilliant success in every particular. The attendance was large and all were loud in their praise of the kind treatment they had received at their hands and the sweet music which they had heard. Mr. Leigh Irvine, of Oregon, delivered an elegant address in a vigorous and forcible manner, which was heartily appreciated by all. Leigh has a bright future before him and if he keeps on in the path he has chosen we may hear of him in Congressional halls some of these days; he is an aspiring, meritorious young man, frank and upright, and candid to a fault, and is bound to carve his way to a bright future. After listening to such a condition, when it can be so cheaply and easily